

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-35. (Canceled)

36. (Original) A shield structure for minimizing alien crosstalk, comprising:
a termination cap configured to fit about a jack, said termination cap comprising a number of shield sections positioned along at least one surface of said jack.

37. (Original) The shield structure of claim 36, wherein said shield sections include an ungrounded conductive material.

38. (Original) The shield structure of claim 36, wherein said shield sections comprise conductive coatings applied to surfaces of said termination cap.

39. (Original) The shield structure of claim 38, further comprising insulators applied over said conductive coatings.

40. (Original) The shield structure of claim 36, wherein said shield sections comprise conductive elements positioned such that said shield sections are not conductive.

41. (Original) The shield structure of claim 36, wherein said jack includes IDC's, and wherein said termination cap can be coupled to said jack without having to be slid from an end of a cable attached to the IDC's of said jack.

42. (Original) The shield structure of claim 36, wherein said number of shield sections are positioned along at least two adjoining lateral surfaces of said jack.

43. (Original) A jack for minimizing alien crosstalk, comprising:
a number of outer surfaces; and
a number of shield sections applied to at least a subset of said number of outer surfaces.

44. (Original) The jack of claim 43, wherein said shield sections are not grounded.

45. (Original) The jack of claim 43, wherein a thickness of said shield sections is controlled such that said jack is configured to fit in standard jack receptacles.

46. (Original) The jack of claim 43, wherein said shield sections comprise a conductive material.

47. (Currently Amended) The jack of claim 46, further comprising an insulator applied to ~~said~~-said shield sections.

48. (Original) The jack of claim 43, wherein said shield sections comprise conductive material positioned such that said shield sections are not conductive.

49. (Original) The jack of claim 43, wherein said shield sections are applied to outer surfaces of at least two lateral sides of said jack.

50. (New) An apparatus for reducing crosstalk comprising:
a cap manufactured of a material configured to minimize transmission of electrical signal away from its intended path, the cap constructed to fit about a jack including a port for receiving a plug, spring contacts for making electrical contact with the plug, and insulation displacement contacts housed in an insulation displacement contact housing, the insulation displacement contacts electrically connected to the spring contacts, the insulation displacement contact housing including a top, a back, and two sides, the cap constructed to form a shield structure along the top, the back, and the two sides of the insulation displacement contact housing.

51. (New) An apparatus according to claim 63, wherein the cap includes conductive material.

52. (New) An apparatus according to claim 64, wherein the cap includes carbon filled material.

53. (New) An apparatus according to claim 64, wherein the conductive material of the cap is not grounded.

54. (New) An apparatus according to claim 63, wherein the cap includes a notch along the back of the insulation displacement contact housing for allowing a cable to be terminated to the insulation displacement contacts of the jack.